

App. No. 10/672345  
Examiner: C.M. Koslow  
Art Unit: 1755

PATENT  
HSM&L No. 10873.1308US01

### Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 26 is hereby amended to include subject matter of claim 28. Accordingly, claim 28 is canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 10, 13-19, 24, 25, 28 and 33-37 were considered allowable. Claims 10, 13-19, 24-26, and 29-37 are pending.

Claims 26 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Verriet et al. (U.S. patent 4,093,890). Additionally, claims 26 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Verriet et al. The rejections are rendered moot, as claim 26 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 28. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 26 is allowable. Likewise, dependent claims 29-32 are allowable for at least the same reason as claim 26. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

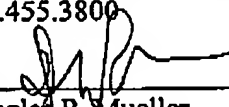
Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMRE, SCHUMANN, MUELLER  
& LARSON P.C.  
P.O. Box 2902-0902  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
612.455.3800

Dated: October 17, 2005

By   
Douglas P. Mueller  
Reg. No. 30,300

DPM:BAW